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SCHOOL GAIN SHOWS CITY'S GROWTH

BUILDERS DIVIDE MELON

Torrance Home Builders Declare Dividend of Ten Percent

YEAR'S PROFIT IS 20 PCT.

Stockholders Will Get Checks and Elect Directors on Sept. 27

Directors of the Torrance Home Builders, Inc. Monday afternoon voted to declare a 10 percent dividend at the close of the corporation's first fiscal year which ends on Sept. 27.

The corporation has constructed two dwelling houses in Torrance and profited by the sale of five lots on Cedar avenue. Profits of the company during its first year of operation have been more than 20 percent. C. A. Faxman is president of the company.

Couple Wedded 60 Years Feted on Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Munger Receive Tokens of Friendship

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Munger of Chestnut street was beautifully decorated with flowers last Saturday when Mr. and Mrs. Munger were at home to invited friends in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary. Gorgeous bouquets continued to arrive until the rooms were a riot of flowers.

Included among the many gifts were a handsome overstuffed arm chair, a fern stand, pictures, checks and candies.

Assisting the hostess were her daughter-in-law Mrs. Harry Munger, grand daughters Mrs. Harry and Miss Marjorie Munger; her sister, Miss Clara Porter; and Mrs. Della Riley, Miss Louise Riley of Long Beach; and Misses Anna Myers and Lois Rigby of Los Angeles.

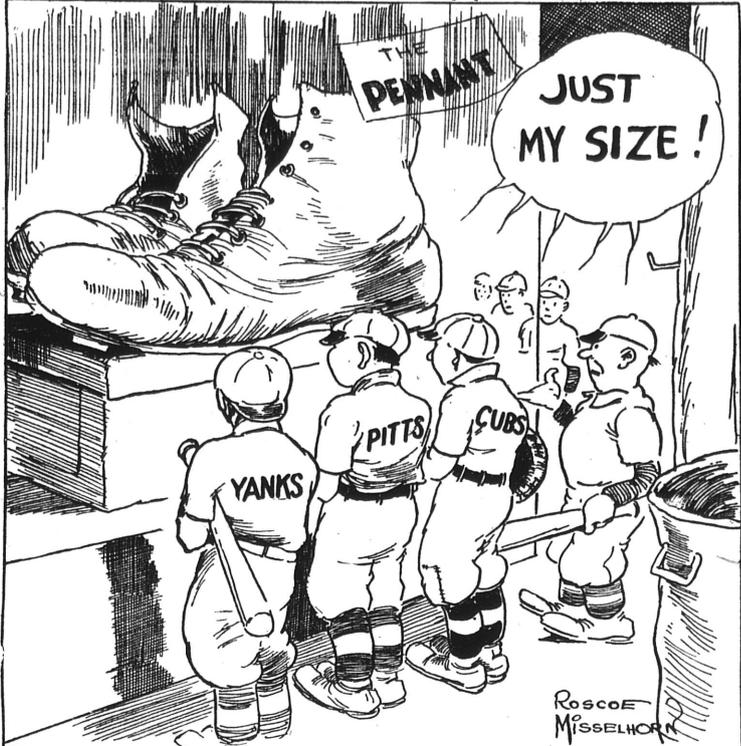
Guests who congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Munger on their long and happy married life were Mr. and Mrs. John House, Mr. and Mrs. John Pearce of San Diego; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilson of Seal Beach; E. P. Swan of Detroit, Michigan; Mrs. Nickerson, Billy Nickerson of Glendale; Mrs. Kingdon and son, and Mrs. Cheney of Hollywood; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wagner of Alamitos Bay; Mrs. T. A. Hanks, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brodbeck of Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. Falls, Mrs. Wilkerson, Mrs. Sully, Mrs. L. R. Booth, Mrs. Rowland, Mrs. V. C. Lord, Herbert Riley, of Long Beach; Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. John Leonardo of the Daughters of Veterans; and Mr. and Mrs. Monahan of San Pedro; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Wertz of Torrance; Mrs. L. E. Pegg, Mrs. Sheehan, Mrs. Mercer, Mr. and Mrs. Kuhns, Mr. Crouch, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Ebersole, Mrs. E. K. Lynne and Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Tarico of Lomita.

Mrs. Pat Donegan, Mr. and Mrs. Roomberg, Dr. F. H. Racer, Mrs. Page, William Mendelson, Miss Josephine and John J. Munger, junior of Lomita and representatives of the Woman's Relief Corps of San Pedro.

A real plan service. Consolidated Lumber Co.—Adv.

BILL THE BARBER SAYS LIFE IS BUT DODGING ONE AUTO AFTER ANOTHER.

"Window Shoppers"



Torrance Bethel Is Instituted at Masonic Temple on Sept. 9th

Enola A. Thrash, grand messenger, acting as grand guide and Adaline Harris, grand treasurer, acting as grand secretary, instituted Torrance Bethel, under dispensation, on Friday evening, Sept. 9 at the Masonic Temple. They were assisted during the institution by Lurita Norgie May, of Bethel No. 34, Los Angeles, Helen Epstein, marshal; Lillian Plets, Bethel No. 34, Los Angeles, chaplain; and Myrtle Mathie of Los Angeles, pianist. At this time the guardian council of the Bethel was installed. The members of the council are: Mrs. Willis M. Brooks, commanding; Charles Mueller, associate guardian; Mrs. Jessie Beckwith, grand secretary; Mrs. John Guyan, guardian treasurer; Mrs. May W. Paisley, guardian musician; John H. Fess, chairman of finance; Mrs. John Wilson, chairman of sociality.

The initiatory ceremony was exemplified by officers and celestial choirs of Bethels No. 10, 36 and 30. During the opening and the closing ceremonies Rose L. Leon, Bethel No. 10, honored queen, presided, and at the initiatory ceremony Dorothy Lambert, Bethel No. 30, honored queen, presided. Beautiful vocal music was furnished by the celestial choirs of the Los Angeles Bethels.

Thirty-four girls were initiated at this time. At the close of the initiatory ceremonies a short recess was taken while the officers and members of Torrance Bethel prepared to don their robes and prepare for their installation.

When work was resumed in the Bethel R. R. Smith of Torrance gave a brief address of welcome stating the joy that was felt among those eligible that a Bethel of Job's Daughters had been instituted in Torrance. The installing officers, Lucy I. Sobel, junior past queen, Bethel No. 10, installing guide; Mary McChannah, junior past

DeBra Radio Pair Combine Business With Fun on Trip

Gene DeBra and W. C. Shoemaker of the DeBra Radio company spent the last week end on the Rincon Indian Reservation in San Diego county. They combined business with pleasure and were testing radio sets during the trip. Incidentally, they report some interesting radio receptions.

Mr. DeBra and Mr. Shoemaker drove to the top of Palomar mountain Sunday, where they found what they described as some "fierce" grades, but enjoyed a wonderful scenic view.

Jack Newby, 3 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Newby is recovering nicely from an operation for hernia.

CLOWNERS PEEVED; WIN

Murphy's Comedians Take Sweet Revenge on Petroleum Securities

GET EVEN FOR DEFEAT

Swat Ball Lustily for Victory to Tune of 13 to 1

Murphy's Comedians of the Union Tool Company, title holders of the Playground baseball league, served a large helping of misery to Petroleum Securities, Oil Field League champs, in the second game of the inter-league series Monday night. This game ties up the series, one and one. Petroleum Securities laid the Comedians low last week, the first defeat in the Union Tool career.

Murphy's outfit, smarting from last week's affront, came back seeking blood Monday, and proceeded to ram a 13 to 1 score down the throats of the singularly docile comedians, accompanied by Miss Virginia Watson, installing pianist; Lurita Norgie May, Bethel No. 34, honored queen; Ruth Gortikov, past queen, Bethel No. 10, installing officer.

During the singing of "An Old Fashioned Garden" by Richard Jenkins, accompanied by Miss Virginia Watson at the piano, those to be installed in office strolled in informally in groups of twos and threes and took their places. The obligation of the officers was given by Mrs. Adaline Harris and Mary Guyan was installed, honored queen; Anna Wilson, senior princess; Nellie Middleton, junior princess; Oma Beckwith, guide; Thelma Price, marshal; Katherine Fordyce, senior custodian; Bertha Paisley, junior custodian; Dorothy Stevenson, outer guard; Muriel Barnes, inner guard; Vera Greig, recorder; Grace Barnes, treasurer; Davis Wood, chaplain; Dolores King, librarian; Marie Boyd, pianist; Leta West, Betty McIntyre, Anna Sprout, Ethel Guyan and Elizabeth Boyd, messengers. The members of the celestial choir are Earline Frame, soloist; Merian Bay, Betty Ripple, Francis Haynes, Mona Radcliff, Marcella Kembel, Jean Smith, Norma Rappaport, Myrtle Perkins, Florence Beckwith, Dorothy Douglas, Floy Hollenbeck, Beatrice Coffey and Johanna Neelands.

During the evening Richard Jenkins sang "The End of a Perfect Day." The hall was beautifully decorated with baskets of flowers and ferns. John H. Fess presented the honored queen, Mary Guyan with a sash. Other beautiful gifts were presented to the Bethel.

The honored queen presented both Miss Thrash and Mrs. Harris with bouquets of flowers as tokens of the appreciation of the Bethel for their efforts in instituting the Bethel.

300 Eastern Stars Meet in Torrance

Nearly 300 Eastern Stars were in attendance at Advance Night at Torrance Chapter, O. E. S., last Thursday evening. The guests included Deputy Grand Matron Angie Monroe of Inglewood and representatives of Chapters of Los Angeles, Hollywood, Wilmington, Hawthorne, Gardena, Redondo Beach, Long Beach, Watts and San Pedro.

The lodge room was beautifully decorated with gorgeous dahlias. The tables in the banquet hall were a riot of autumn colors. Horns of plenty in colors ranging from palest yellow to crimson filled with fruit were the center of attraction. The colors were repeated in the nut baskets and larger baskets which held colored ices. Yarn bouquets of violets on standards marked the places of the line officers' guests.

The Matron Lolla Mae Tomkins was presented with a bouquet by her patron John Glenn Wilson; Associate Matron Lillian Shrimmer received a beautiful Spanish shawl, a gift from the officers; and the chairman of arrangements, Junior Past Matron, Persia K. Fess was presented with a beautiful bouquet.

Included in the evening's program were vocal solos by Mrs. H. A. Beckham; three numbers by tiny pupils of Miss Marjorie Lake of Los Angeles; xylophone solos, Mr. Hill; vocal solos, Mrs. J. Robertson; reading, Maxine Brown; piano solos, Jane Roberts; and baritone solos by Miss Lake.

Popcorn Man Has Book Rental Plan

Joseph Stevens, well known Torrance popcorn man has opened a circulating library, offering current books to the public at nominal rental fees. Persons interested in securing books by payment of a moderate fee are requested to consult Mr. Stevens.

Aviator Addresses Torrance Rotarians

H. H. Speer, former American war aviator who served with this country's ace of aces—Eddie Rickenbacker—addressed the Rotary Club this noon on the subject of "The Aviation Industry." Mr. Speer is now affiliated with the International Aircraft Corporation.

Observations

The Times' Washington Man Is All Wet—Is Great Britain the World's Stumbling Block to Peace? The Jacobson Stench—Synthetic Fuel Oil

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

ROBERT R. ARMSTRONG, Washington correspondent for the Los Angeles Times wires a story to his paper, declaring that men high in the ranks of the Republican party believe that Calvin Coolidge will be nominated and elected President. Of course Mr. Armstrong is close to events at the capital, but we must nevertheless venture the statement that in his political prognostications he is what the poet called all wet.

When a New Englander says "I do not choose," he means "I won't." Whatever may be our other reactions to Mr. Coolidge as President we do not believe he is such a deep-dyed political trickster that he issued a half-lie when he told the country he did not choose to run. The Times has always stood behind the Coolidge administration with a blind constancy found in few partisan papers. In continuing to play a Coolidge tune on a worn out fiddle Mr. Chandler's political musician at Washington seems unaware that the old instrument is out of tune.

GREAT BRITAIN stands revealed as the stumbling block to world disarmament and treaties outlawing war. Yet we in the United States cannot hold her entirely at fault.

Headed by Gustav Stresemann, foreign minister of Germany and Aristide Briand, foreign minister of France, the League of Nations Assembly now in session at Geneva, is striving to force general European disarmament and win universal support for pacts aimed at supplanting war by arbitration. Great Britain's delegates, headed by Sir Austen Chamberlain have flatly refused to join the movement. Sir Austen has notified press correspondents that his country believes the Locarno treaties sufficient to outlaw war and that by extending the spirit of Locarno to all nations international conflict will be made increasingly difficult.

THIS stand on the part of Great Britain is easy to understand. The British Empire is willing to sign arbitration treaties with any and all individual nations, but declines to make such treaties instruments of the League—for a very obvious reason. If the League itself and all its members bind themselves to arbitrate all disputes, through the League, Britain fears that the League might draft her navy into action as the League's strong arm to enforce the organization's decisions. Strangely enough the very considerations which kept the United States out of the League now are dictating Great Britain's refusal to become a party to League disarmament as peace-friendly plans.

Outside of the League because we fear curtailment of our own sovereignty we Americans cannot consistently criticize Great Britain for following the very policy which we ourselves originated.

AT the same time Great Britain's recently indicated stubbornness in the face of a disarmament proposals is disappointing. At the tri-partite conference her insistence on a great tonnage of light cruisers prevented agreement for further naval limitations. For herself, the United States and Japan. The conference at the last of that conference revealed John Bull in a new light—braggart of lost prestige; cringing before signs that the British Empire is headed for a fall; under pressure admitting the right of the United States to naval parity, but preventing parity by insisting on unreasonable demands. Had the United States and Japan given way to the British proposals the conference would not have reached an agreement for limitations but actually would have approved naval increases.

AT the outset of the conference Great Britain contended that limitations be placed on capital ships. The conference had been called to discuss limitations only on auxiliary craft—submarines, cruisers and submarines. Limitations on battleships and armored carriers had been imposed previously at the Washington conference. Great Britain wanted to re-open the Washington issue and cut the tonnage of battleships to 30,000. The proposal was incomparably selfish—for at that very moment Great Britain was preparing to launch two new post-Jutland type ships of 35,000 tons each. Had we agreed to new limitations on battleships, Great Britain would have then possessed the only two 35,000 ton ships of the post-Jutland type in the world. Fortunately the United States was represented by a most astute young man in the person of Hugh Gibson, ambassador to Belgium. His keen mind pierced every British strategy. His sharp perception guided the United States away from pitfalls. For the first time in the history of modern international negotiations the United States was not hoodwinked by the British admiralty. Gibson publicly stripped the British plan of its camouflage. The American press almost unanimously attacked the British proposals. Unquestionably the cry raised in American newspapers prompted Sir Esme Howard, British ambassador at Washington to speed some hot cables across the Atlantic to Downing street. For abruptly the British attitude at Geneva changed and Chamberlain announced that Great Britain conceded the right of the United States to naval parity with the Empire—the first time that London had ever conceded any country the privilege of maritime equality. Had the British government continued at Geneva along such a policy, the conference itself would have placed on the market. But failing by old diplomatic trick to fool Gibson the London government denied us the right to 10,000 ton cruisers and made the conference a tragic joke. Now the same government shifts away from all League proposals for disarmament and peace-insuring treaties.

IS it possible that London is thinking in terms of war with Russia? Careful observers of world politics think so. Is it possible that London statesmen are at last seeing indications of the crumbling of the great Anglo-Saxon Empire and are making ready for a final struggle to prevent it? Many students of European and Asiatic affairs think so.

In the face of such possibilities we cannot hold our counts altogether blameless for balking at disarmament and promulgation of treaties binding all nations to arbitration. At the same time it is probable that Great Britain might attain her object—perpetuating of the Empire as it now stands—by methods other than the quasi-belligerent attitude which now seems to motivate all her foreign policy.

LOS ANGELES politics are revolting. The Jacobson trial with its insinuations and intimidations revealed in court testifies eloquently to the rotten condition in Southern California's Denmark. We are not interested one way or another in the guilt of the accused in this nasty case. But we are interested at least mildly in the stench that has risen from the political cesspool which the case has opened. Los Angeles has a stock argument whenever annexation elections are held. Outlying cities are told that by joining Los Angeles they will rid themselves of political nastiness and fighting. For our part we prefer our own differences of opinion, bitterness of feeling between neighbors and all to the filthiness of Los Angeles municipal graft and frameups. For a small city to annex Los Angeles in order to wipe out local political controversies is like jumping off a manure pile into a sewer.

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STUDENTS NUMBER 1300

Increased Enrollment at High Nearly Twenty Percent Over Last Year

NEW PUPILS SWELL LIST

Show Many Families Have Moved to Torrance Since Sept. 1926

TORRANCE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Table with 2 columns: This Year, Last Year, Increase, Percent of Gain. Values: 1299, 1105, 194, 17.5

The growth of Torrance during the past twelve months was revealed in convincing figures when school enrollment Monday showed a substantial increase over the attendance on the first day of the scholastic term last fall.

The increase at the high school was 20 per cent. When the term opened in September, 1926, 355 students were in attendance. This year 423 enrolled. The gain was 68. That the city gained in population during the summer is indicated by the fact that there were 300 students in high school at the close of the last school year whereas there are 423 enrolled now.

The gain in the high school was larger than that in the elementary grades, although the increase in enrollment in the grammar school also is eloquent testimony to the progress of Torrance. When school opened last year 770 were enrolled in the elementary schools. At the start of the term this fall 876 enrolled. The increase was 106 or almost 14 per cent.

At both the elementary and high schools many students new to Torrance are in attendance according to Principals Bell and Wood. The Meadow Park school, through an invitation extended by the city for some of the increase in enrollment in the schools, but to a greater part the gain came as a result of new residents.

At the high school enrollment figures for the past two years reveal a steady and substantial increase. The gain in attendance each term has approximated 20 per cent.

Thieves Hold Up Filling Station; Loot Totals \$20

Jesse Danyeur Robbed at Points of Two Guns Saturday

Jesse Danyeur, attendant at the Hayward Service Station, 25th and Governor avenue, Lomita, was held up Saturday night about 10 o'clock, while alone in the station. As Danyeur reached for the tube asked for by four men in a Ford touring car, two guns were shoved in his ribs and he was ordered to open the register. The men took the cash—about \$20 and left hurriedly. They didn't search Danyeur or so missed \$70 which he had taken from the register earlier in the evening.

Spurlin Defendant in Damage Action

DeKalb Spurlin, most substantial property-owner in Torrance, was made defendant in suit brought by A. M. Loeb for \$401,595.45 damages. The suit is an outgrowth of the Julian Petroleum middle Loeb charges that Mr. Spurlin and H. J. Kimberle, the other defendant in the suit, assaulted him during a stockholders meeting last June. Loeb declares that he lost the sight of his left eye and that his skull was fractured during the fracas. The ask \$250,000 actual damage and \$200,000 exemplary damages and \$125,000 for incurred a retainer.